4   between the yield strength YS (N/mm^2) and the thickness X (μm)

5   satisfies an inequality YS > 28.7 ln(X) — 30 and the relation

6   between the elongation El (%) and the thickness X (μm) satisfies

7   an inequality El > 0.15X + 3.5.

Claims **5 to 10** are maintained unchanged.

REMARKS:

1)   In response to the Telephonic Restriction Requirement of April 1,
      2003, as already discussed in a further Telephone Interview on
      April 4, 2003, applicants hereby elect the product claims 1 to
      4, 9 and 10 for examination.

2)   The Restriction Requirement is traversed to the extent that the
      non-elected method claims 5 to 8 depend from elected product
      claim 4 and are directed to a method of making the elected prod-
      uct of claim 4. Thus, in the event the elected product claims
      are ultimately found allowable, the Examiner is respectfully
      requested to rejoin, consider and allow the dependent
      method-of-making claims, in accordance with M.P.E.P. §821.04 and
      §2116.01.

3)   Claim 4 has been amended from independent form to instead depend
      from claim 1. This amendment corrects an inadvertent error in
      claim 4 as originally submitted, and does not introduce any new
      matter. A Marked-Up version of original claim 4, showing the

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amendatory material, is enclosed. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

4)   The Examiner is also respectfully requested to acknowledge and approve the following formal matters:

   a)   the formal drawings originally filed with this application on December 21, 2001;

   b)   applicants' first Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 21, 2001;

   c)   applicants' second Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 6, 2002; and

   d)   the foreign priority claim and receipt of the Priority Document through the PCT processing of this application.

5)   Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 10, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. An aluminum alloy foil *consisting of the aluminum alloy according to claim 1, and* having a thickness, elongation and yield strength so selected that the relation between the yield strength YS (N/mm²) and the thickness X (µm) satisfies an inequality YS > 28.7 ln(X) − 30 and the relation between the elongation El (%) and the thickness X (µm) satisfies an inequality El > 0.15X + 3.5.

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